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Re the Application of : Confirmation No. 8095  
Jean-Claude FORNAGE : Group Art Unit 3725  
Application No. 10/565,457 : Examiner: Bena B. Miller  
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For a Patent for a :  
DEVICE FOR CONTINUOUSLY CONTROLLING  
CONDIMENTS GRINDING IN A MILL : January 12, 2009

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement, filed in this matter on October 10, 2006, advised the U.S. Patent Office of a later-filed International Application, No. PCT/FR2004/002992, which has been assigned the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/586,215.

An Office Action has since issued for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/586,215, and the following documents are cited in the issued Office Action:

U.S. Patent

2,858,081 (Sinkinson) - Issued: October 28, 1958

U.S. Patent Application Publication

2002/0038832 (Chen) - Published: April 4, 2002

Copies of the above-listed U.S. patent documents have not been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement in view of the elimination of this requirement from 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) (See, Section 609.04(a), Part II(D) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure).

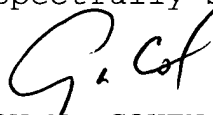
Due consideration of the foregoing documents is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)(2). It is further respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the above-listed documents by initialing the PTO-1449 form (1) which is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement and which lists the foregoing documents, and by providing applicant with an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form to confirm consideration of the listed documents.

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and before a final action, a notice of allowance or an action that otherwise closes prosecution of the application has been mailed for this Patent Application, consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is submitted herewith.

Corresponding action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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